



## WR Umpiring Exam And Umpiring

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## **World Rowing Umpiring Commission**

**(WR Statutes Article 55, Appendix S9, Rules of Racing Appendix R5 Bye-Law to Rule 37)**

### **1. General Areas of Responsibility**

1.1 To standardise and continuously improve the quality of umpiring in general, in particular at World Rowing Championships, and at international events (regattas, sprints, para rowing, indoor, coastal, etc.) and to promote umpiring throughout the world.

### **2. Objectives and Activities**

2.1 Select juries for WR Events;

2.2 Supervise Juries at WR Events;

2.3 Develop, Improve, Standardize Umpiring through education;

2.4 To conduct examinations for international umpires licenses;

2.8 Assist in implementation of umpire development program.

# WR Umpiring examination Elegibility

- To be eligible to sit for the WR Umpiring Examination, a Candidate must:
  - Have possessed a national Umpiring license for at least 3 years.
  - Have normal sight and hearing.
  - Be under the age of 61 on December 31 of the year when sitting for the examination.
  - Be nominated by their Member Federation (letter to WR).

Only 3 attempts to pass the WR Umpiring Examination are allowed:

- Failing 1<sup>st</sup> attempt → not accepted for further examination in the same calendar year.
- Failing 2<sup>nd</sup> attempt → not accepted in the next two calendar years.
- Failing 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt → not be accepted for further examination.

The Umpiring Examination is composed of two parts:

- Written questions.
- Practical exam.

### Written Examination

- Approximately two hours in length
- Includes:
  - Multiple choice questions.
  - Short answer questions .
  - Umpire Situation & Launch positioning questions.
- Questions may be asked by:
  - Written.
  - Projected onto a screen.

The Exam is divided into 6 “segments”:

<b>I</b>	WR Statutes WR Actualities	<b>IV</b>	Umpiring Finish Protests Medical
<b>II</b>	Rowers & Coxswains Boats & Construction Courses Advertising	<b>V</b>	Para-Rowing Coastal Rowing, Beach Sprints
<b>III</b>	Draw & Progression Entries, Withdrawals, Crew Changes Start	<b>VI</b>	Race Situations

# WR Umpiring Examination Practical

Candidates who perform well on the written portion of the examination will be asked to sit for the practical portion of the examination.

- Individual candidates will meet with two or more members of the Umpiring Commission.
- Candidates are asked to demonstrate their knowledge of the rules and the application of the rules through:
  - Questions.
  - Scenarios.

# WR Umpiring Examination Practical

- Candidates who perform well on both the written and the practical portions of the examination are awarded the WR Umpiring license.
- While the Umpiring Commission would like to pass all candidates, we have a duty to the athletes to pass only competent candidates.

A World Rowing Championship race course is:

- a. Minimum length of water 2000 meters.
- b. Minimum length of water 2120 meters.
- c. Minimally has 6 lanes.
- d. Minimally has 8 lanes.
- e. Has different colored buoys.



Pay attention to  
the question

There may be more than one  
correct answer – make sure to  
read all answers

Name the countries:



Canada



Great Britain

**ARG**

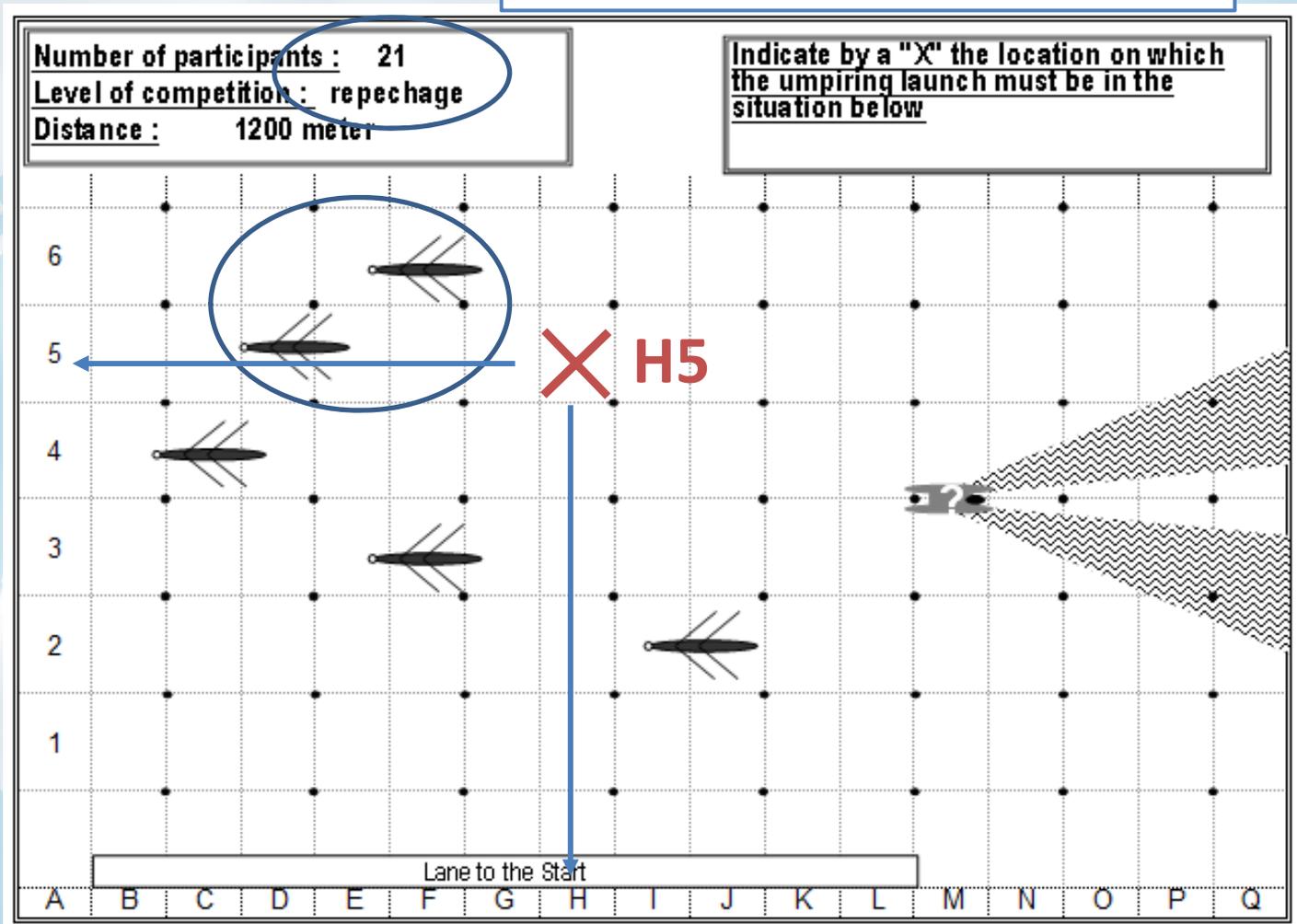
Argentina

**USA**

United States

# WR Umpiring Examination Sample Questions

21 entries + repechage = 2 to advance



You have passed the WR Umpiring  
Examination!

**Congratulations!**

Now what?

# WR Umpiring Examination Validity

- The WR Umpire's license is valid for 4 years
  - Automatically extended for another 4 years when the Umpire attends an Umpires' Seminar
  - Seminars are arranged at the request of a national federation
- The Umpire must maintain a valid national Umpire's license
- WR Umpire's license expire on December 31 of the year the Umpire reaches the age of 70.

# WR Umpiring Examination Re-examination & Badge

- The holder of an expired WR Umpire's license must re-take and pass the examination
- WR Umpires who are members of a Jury at an International Regatta or World Championship Regatta shall wear the WR Umpires Badge.

# WR Umpiring Examination Jury Selection

- Nominations for WR Event Juries
  - WR will solicit nominations for future WR Event Juries.
  - Usually this is late in the year for the next year.
  - The request is usually included in a WR Circular.
- The form must be signed by an officer of the Member Federation.
- Some countries submit forms from all of their Umpires, other countries will coordinate their nominations and give prioritized WR → WR currently requests a male and female nomination
- In theory a Federation should submit a female and male candidate for each event.

# WR Umpiring Examination Jury Selection

## Jury Nomination Form for 2021 World Rowing Events

The National Rowing Federation of \_\_\_\_\_ herewith nominates the following World Rowing umpire as a candidate for the jury at the 2021 World Rowing events regatta mentioned below. The federation and the umpire commit themselves that – if selected – the umpire will attend the regatta.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_ License number: \_\_\_\_\_

Last seminar attended: Place: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Home address:  
(if you are resident in a country different from your nationality, please make this clear)

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel home: + \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: + \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Is a Jury candidate for which of the following 2021 World Rowing events:

- 2021 World Rowing Cup I regatta in Zagreb, Croatia (April 30- May 2)(\*);
  - 2021 World Rowing Under 23 Championships regatta in Racice, Czech Republic (7-11 July);
  - 2021 World Rowing Under 19 Championships regatta in Plovdiv, Bulgaria (11-15 August);
  - 2021 Summer FISU World University Games regatta in Chengdu, P.R.China (19-21 August);
- (\* ) Only international umpires from European Member Federations

**Most Recent Previous International Umpiring Experience (before 2021):**

FISA and INTERNATIONAL REGATTAS:

Year.....Event(s).....

Year.....Event(s).....

Year.....Event(s).....

Year.....Event(s).....

Year.....Event(s).....

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of federation Secretary General*

Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of umpire*

Date: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 2020

Please return to [patrick\\_rombaut@telenet.be](mailto:patrick_rombaut@telenet.be) (copy to [prateek.gumbar@fisa.org](mailto:prateek.gumbar@fisa.org)) by **30 November 2020 (Midnight CET)**.



# WR Umpiring Examination Jury Selection

- The Umpiring Commission selects the Juries for the nominations submitted with World Rowing Executive Committee Approval.
- Among the factors considered:
  - Member Federation participation.
  - Member Federation balancing.
  - Regional balancing.
  - Gender balancing.
  - Jury experience balancing.
  - Development issues.
  - Umpire's work record (see next slide).
  - Other factors.

# WR Umpiring Examination Jury Selection

- Umpires are expected to build on their experience through a progression:
  - Regional/Continental Championships and World Cups.
  - Junior World or U23 World Championship.
  - Senior World Championships.
  - Olympics and Paralympics.

# WR Umpiring Examination Jury Selection

- For 2020 Juries
  - World Rowing Umpiring Commission received:
    - 599 nominations for Jury positions
    - From 290 Umpires.
    - Representing 62 Member Federations.
  - World Rowing Umpiring Commission selected:
    - 15 Juries
    - 214 Jury Positions
    - Representing 58 Member Federations

# WR Umpiring Examination

## Working World Rowing Regattas

- Umpires selected for a World Rowing Event Jury:
  - Are expected to attend the event (if something develops that will prevent you from attending early notification).
  - Will generally receive a stipend for the event:
    - Based on the Umpires residence.
    - Receive at the event or by bank transfer.
  - Is expected to make their own travel arrangements.
  - Housing and some meals will be furnished by the Organizing Committee.
  - Please read the information on World Rowing communications for more details.

# WR Umpiring Examination

## Working World Rowing Regattas

- Jury members are expected to:
  - Wear Umpire “uniform” while on duty.
    - World Rowing Umpire badge.
    - Light blue shirt.
    - Tie/scarf.
    - Grey pants/skirt and Navy blazer/jacket.
  - President of the Jury may authorize variances.
- Depending on the event there maybe social events that the Jury is also invited to.

Questions?

